

Aviation Ground and Marine Coast applications.

3. Section 0.455 is amended by revising paragraph (f) as follows:

**§ 0.455 Other locations at which records may be inspected.**

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(f) *Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.* See § 0.453(o) of this chapter.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### 50 CFR Part 648

[Docket No. 990318076-9109-02; I.D. 052199E]

#### Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Commercial Cod Harvest

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Reduction of cod landing limit.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS issues this notification to announce that the Administrator, Northeast Region, NMFS (Regional Administrator), has projected that 402

metric tons (mt) of the target total allowable catch (TAC) for the Gulf of Maine (GOM) cod stock will be harvested as of 0001 hours, May 28, 1999, and that, with certain exceptions as specified in the regulations implementing the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (FMP), vessels fishing under a multispecies day-at-sea (DAS) may not possess more than 30 lb (13.6 kg) of cod per DAS for any DAS utilized on or after May 28, 1999.

**DATES:** Effective 0001 hours, May 28, 1999, through December 31, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul H. Jones, Fishery Policy Analyst, 978-281-9273.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Regulations implementing the GOM cod trip limit in Framework Adjustment 27 to the FMP (64 FR 24066, May 5, 1999) became effective May 1, 1999. To ensure that GOM cod landings remain within the target TAC of 1,340 mt established for the 1999 fishing year, Framework 27 provides a mechanism to reduce the 200 lb (90.7 kg) per DAS landing limit to as low as 5 lb (2.3 kg) per DAS, based on the rate of catch and the risk of exceeding the target TAC. Section 648.86(b)(1)(i) specifies that this mechanism is triggered when the Regional Administrator has projected that 402 mt will be harvested. Further, this section stipulates that NMFS will

publish a notification in the **Federal Register** informing the public of the date of the reduction.

Based on the available information, the Regional Administrator has projected that 402 mt will be reached on May 28, 1999. Given the rate at which this trigger amount was reached, the Regional Administrator has determined that reducing the landing limit to 30 lb (13.6 kg) will be necessary in order to best balance the need to minimize discards, discourage vessels from targeting cod by using the running clock provision, and ensure that GOM cod landings remain within the target TAC for the 1999 fishing year. Therefore, the cod landing limit, pursuant to § 648.86(b)(1)(i), has been reduced to 30 lb (13.6 kg) per DAS, except as provided under § 648.86(b)(1)(ii) and (b)(2), for DAS used on or after 0001 hours May 28, 1999.

#### Classification

This action is required by 50 CFR part 648 and is exempt from review under E.O. 12866.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: May 21, 1999.

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